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High Commissioner,

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CHARLES R,

My Lords and Gentlemen

U R Inclination to embrace all opportunities to Express Our constant care of, and affection to, Our Ancient Kingdom, hath moved Us to call you together at this time, to advise with Us, what may truly conduce to the security and interest thereof : And as We have ever judged Our own, and the Interests of Our Subjects, to be unseparable, and such as would divide them, to be in their hearts Enemies to both, (Experience having sufficiently evinced, that all Invasions upon, or Diminutions of the Rights and Prerogatives of Our *Crown*, prove Fatal and destructive to the Security and Property of Our People, which can only thereby be Protected,) so are they then best managed and secured, when provided for by unanimous Counsels and Joynt Resolutions, And, as it is one of Our greatest satisfactions, that We have been alwayes careful of that Our Ancient Kingdom, with a tenderness fuitable to Our great Interest in it ; So when We remember the firm and durifull constancy which it hath alwayes payed to the Royal Line and Family, And that now it is your Interest, as well as Duty, to adhere unto it with unshaken Loyalty as much as ever ; We cannot doubt of your ready and zealous compliance at this time, with what shall be proposed as fit for Our Service, which can never be divided from the happiness of Our People.

And since some (corrupted with the Rebellious Principles of the last Age, or the blind Zeal of this) have at first raised Schisms and Separation in the Church, and afterwards frequent Rebellions against Us; We cannot but expect from your prudent Consultations, effectual and adequate Remedies, for curing these violent Distempers at present, and preventing them for the future : And that you will not despise or connive at the smallest appearances of these wicked and seditious Principles, which (how plausibly soever they may be disguised, under the old Pretences, and fallacious Masks of Liberty and Religion, which are ever least minded by the most clamorous Pretenders to them) yet in the Issue lead to such monstrous Effects and Rebellious Extravagancies, as necessarily tend to the Dissolution of all Government and Order : And of which you cannot choose but be deeply sensible.

This being once effectually done, We may reasonably hope, that Our Government in Church and State, as by Law presently established, shall receive its due Reverence and Obedience ; And that all Our good Subjects shall be preserved in Peace, Tranquility, and Happiness. For promoting these great Ends so necessary to the securing the Protestant Religion, Our Authority and Government, and the common Interest of Our People, by your Joynt Advice, who are so much concerned ; And for enacting of such Laws, as experience hath discovered to be wanting for distribution of Justice in several Cases, which have emerged since Our last Parliament, We have called this : And as an eminent Expression of Our Favour to you, have named Our most Dear, and most entirely Beloved Brother, *James Duke of Albany and York, &c.* to be Our *Commissioner* therein, whom We have found so affectionate to you, and to whom you have testified so much Duty during His long stay amongst you ; which have enabled Him so well to understand the Affairs and Interest of that Our Ancient Kingdom. And since His Interest is so unseparable from Ours, We shall not doubt of your ready and chearfull Concurrence, to render His Endeavours amongst you Successful for securing Our Government, and your own Peace and Happiness. By doing whereof, you will answer the intire confidence We have in your Prudence and Loyalty. And so We bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at Windsor-Castle, the 12. day of July 1681. and of Our Reign the 33. year.

By His Majesties Command,

MORRAY.

HIS